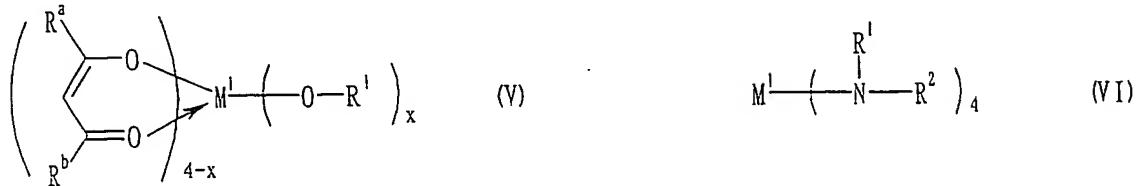


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0025], beginning at page 8,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In the formulae, each of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> represents an organic group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; M<sup>1</sup> represents titanium, zirconium, or hafnium; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> represent groups similar to those in general formula (I); and x represents 1, 2, 3, or 4.--